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Farm Labor

There were 997,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 11-17, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 737,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 260,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.83 per hour during the April 2010 reference week, down 1 cent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 5 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.31 per hour compared with \$10.25 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.13 per hour, was up 6 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

The Pacific region (Oregon and Washington) accounts for 9 percent of workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators within the region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.18, down 37 cents from the previous year but still 35 cents higher than the US average. Pacific region field workers received an average of \$10.02, down 65 cents from the previous April, livestock workers earned an average of \$11.73 down from \$12.09 a year ago. Number of hours worked per week by Pacific region hired workers is above the US average at 41.4.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of April 12-18, 2009 and April 11-17, 2010 ¹

United States and region		Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock	
			150 days or more	149 days or less					
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>
Pacific ²	2009	61	40	21	38.0	10.67	12.09	10.80	11.55
	2010	65	53	12	41.4	10.02	11.73	10.25	11.18
Mountain I ³	2009	20	18	2	42.5	10.23	10.01	10.10	10.45
	2010	25	21	4	44.0	9.63	9.56	9.60	10.14
California	2009	138	119	19	43.9	9.96	10.85	10.14	11.07
	2010	140	121	19	43.1	10.00	11.10	10.21	11.12
United States ⁴	2009	680	554	126	40.1	9.99	10.25	10.07	10.84
	2010	737	586	151	39.8	10.04	10.31	10.13	10.83

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	5.49	4.53	4.46	5.84	4.42	4.39
Wheat, winter	Bu	5.35	4.50	4.40	5.52	4.19	4.10
Wheat, spring	Bu	6.28	4.80	4.80	6.76	4.89	5.04
Barley	Bu	2.69	3.56	3.50	4.59	4.11	3.93
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	2.64	2.25	2.04
Hay, all (baled) ²	Ton	164.00	138.00	140.00	130.00	109.00	116.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ²	Ton	157.00	126.00	131.00	137.00	113.00	121.00
Hay, other (baled) ²	Ton	174.00	165.00	162.00	112.00	99.30	99.70
Potatoes	cwt	8.80	8.45	8.30	9.62	8.42	7.95
Vegetables and fruits ¹							
Onions, fresh ³	cwt	-	-	-	13.40	60.40	43.90
Sweet corn, fresh ³	cwt	-	-	-	20.80	37.60	19.90
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	518.00	453.00	514.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.187	0.300	0.318
Strawberries, fresh	cwt	-	-	-	76.10	67.10	81.30
Livestock and livestock products							
Cows ⁴	cwt	50.00	60.00	63.00	48.80	57.50	59.50
Steers and heifers	cwt	87.00	98.00	100.00	87.70	101.00	101.00
Beef cattle ⁵	cwt	83.30	94.20	96.30	83.20	95.70	96.50
Calves	cwt	103.00	113.00	118.00	111.00	122.00	123.00
Lambs ⁶	cwt	92.00	106.00	-	102.00	119.00	-
Sheep ⁶	cwt	44.00	64.00	-	31.70	48.70	-
Milk, all ⁷	cwt	12.40	15.60	16.10	11.60	14.60	15.00
Fat test percent	Pct	3.65	3.74	3.70	3.59	3.62	3.58
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.617	0.767	0.633
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.418	0.599	0.441

* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price. ¹ Oregon not published monthly.

² Most recent price is a mid-month price. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010
United States				
Prices received	823	891	130	141
Prices paid	2,398	2,440	180	183
Ratio ¹	-	-	72	77
Parity Ratio ²	34	37	-	-
Oregon				
Commodity group				
All farm products	856	843	143	139
All crops	875	798	156	142
Livestock ³	807	956	110	131

Feed price ratios: United States, May 2010

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2009	2010	
	May	Apr *	May
Broiler Feed	4.2	4.7	5.1
Market egg feed	4.3	7.0	5.2
Hog-corn	11.3	16.6	18.3
Milk-feed	1.48	2.18	2.20
Steer and heifer-corn	22.1	29.6	29.6
Turkey-feed	4.7	5.9	6.1

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

³ Includes livestock and livestock products.

Organic livestock and poultry on certified and exempt organic farms: 2008

Commodities	Oregon					
	Inventory			Sales		
	Farms	Peak	December 31, 2008	Farms	Number	Dollars
Milk cows	51	17,306	16,290	47	2,630	2,408,238
Beef cows	44	1,711	1,507	35	246	226,179
All other organic cattle and calves	66	13,972	12,369	50	6,906	2,171,068
Hogs and pigs	10	50	21	6	26	13,100
Sheep and lambs	17	816	383	13	409	56,131
Goats and kids	13	382	261	5	78	D
All other organic livestock	4	X	X	2	X	D
Chicken-layers	61	2,470	1,876	6	238	D
Chicken-broilers	9	1,395	D	9	1,120	10,162
Turkeys	6	459	D	6	238	13,530
All other organic poultry	14	X	X	7	X	3,375
	United States					
Milk cows	2,065	219,031	201,960	1,623	39,922	33,466,290
Beef cows	1,095	48,946	43,782	586	7,213	6,141,084
All other organic cattle and calves	2,372	187,274	151,690	1,736	110,343	53,826,571
Hogs and pigs	258	14,266	8,940	202	17,181	3,945,380
Sheep and lambs	328	16,467	11,202	205	7,256	969,646
Goats and kids	313	8,895	6,360	164	2,645	228,799
All other organic livestock	128	X	X	42	X	169,661
Chicken-layers	1,188	4,489,995	4,073,970	281	1,469,764	2,197,848
Chicken-broilers	285	6,358,231	4,606,557	237	30,596,502	195,816,658
Turkeys	154	229,346	35,209	126	319,291	8,675,241
All other organic poultry	123	X	X	73	X	11,033,194

D: Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms. X: Not applicable.

Full report for 2008 Organic Production is available at www.agcensus.usda.gov

Five year production plan for exempt organic farms: 2008 (Data include only positive responses.)

Plans	Oregon	
	Farms	Percent of farms
Increase organic production	81	37.9
Maintain current level of organic production	97	45.3
Decrease organic production	7	3.3
Discontinue organic production	2	0.9
Discontinue all production	1	0.5
Do not know	26	12.1
	United States	
Increase organic production	1,516	42.9
Maintain current level of organic production	1,175	33.3
Decrease organic production	124	3.5
Discontinue organic production	29	0.8
Discontinue all production	68	1.9
Do not know	620	17.6

Production practices on certified organic farms: 2008

(Data include only positive responses and respondents could choose more than one practice.)

Production practices	Oregon	United States
	Farms	Farms
Planned plantings to avoid cross contamination	87	2,940
Maintained buffer strips	276	7,217
Produced or used organic mulch/compost	223	4,849
Used green or animal manures	248	7,029
Practiced rotational grazing	71	2,412
Practiced free-range livestock production	33	1,482
Practiced biological pest management	160	3,302
Maintained beneficial insect/vertebrate habitat	145	3,331
Released beneficial organisms	79	1,810
Used no-till or minimum till	183	3,916
Used water management practices	310	5,576
Selected planting locations to avoid pests	141	3,593
Chose pest resistant varieties	124	3,366

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